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Christmas concert

World-renowned classical guitarist Christopher Parkening and baritone Jubilant Sykes to present joint Artist Series program



Baritone Jubilant Sykes and classical guitarist Christopher Parkening will perform at BJU Thursday.

JONATHAN BROWN

Classical guitarist Christopher Parkening and baritone Jubilant Sykes will perform a variety of Christmas pieces Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Founder's Memorial Amphitorium.

Throughout the concert, Mr. Parkening will alternate between performing solos and accompanying Mr. Sykes. They will be performing a wide variety of songs, including "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "America" and ending the night with "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," according to Miss Jenny Klipp, assistant to Dr. Darren Lawson, dean of the School of Fine Arts.

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LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL SING

The BJU family and Greenville residents are invited to sing Christmas carols and watch the lighting display at 6:30 tonight. Due to the Rodeheaver construction, carolers will gather on front campus, facing Wade Hampton at University Circle in between the Welcome Centers. The front gates will close a few minutes prior to the ceremony.

WOMEN'S BASKET-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The women's basketball championship game will start at 8:30 p.m. Saturday on Main Court at the Davis Field House.

SOULWINNING CON-**FERENCE**

Evangelist Tom Farrell will speak at the Soulwinning Conference in chapel Monday through Thursday.

Conference to prepare students for witnessing

JOSHUA PRIVETT

Evangelist Dr. Tom Farrell will preach during chapel next week for the Soulwinning Conference.

But why would BJU devote an entire week of chapel services to the issue of soul winning?

Mr. Nathan Crockett, Bible faculty member, said one of the biggest struggles Christians face is witnessing. "It's something in the back of our minds that we know is important, but often we don't act on it," he said.

He said the purpose of the Soulwinning Conference is to encourage and prepare students, faculty and staff to witness more, especially over Christmas break. "It not only informs us, but also motivates us, encouraging us to be doing what we know we should be doing," he said.

Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministerial training and extension, said the Soulwinning Conference focuses on every Christian's responsibility of personal evangelism. "Everybody has an evangelistic responsibility," he said. "[Everyone] should be thinking about people that they are going back home to see—perhaps unsaved relatives or friends. This revs up [our] alertness of lost souls."

Some students and faculty members, however, may feel unprepared to witness. Dr. Farrell said he plans to address different approaches and tips for witnessing.

"For some students, this conference will be an introduction to the elements of soul winning," he said. "For others, it will be a refresher course, which I hope will help sharpen their skills for evangelism."

Mr. Crockett suggested some unique ways of witnessing. "This is a relational generation, so you'll probably have a better opportunity to get in a serious conversation [about Christ] with someone you already know," he said. "Maybe you can change something on your Facebook page to mention things that would get some of your unsaved friends to ask questions about Christ. [But] probably the most important thing is that your life backs up your message."

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Yearly ceremony to illuminate campus tonight

BRENNA SMITH

Answer this riddle: how do you decorate the Rodeheaver construction site for Christmas? With red and green sand bags? Or maybe a festive bow on the crane? Perhaps some reindeer noses and antlers for all of the construction workers? Stumped yet? The correct answer is you don't decorate it—you can't!

What? But how can this be, you ask. Isn't the lighting ceremony tonight? Where will it be held, and what will it look like?

BJU's 18-year-old Christmastime tradition will carry on—with or without the familiar backdrop of Rodeheaver Auditorium—this evening at 6:30. Carolers will gather on front campus in the area facing Wade Hampton between the Welcome Centers.

The University Singers, under the direction of Mr. Eric Rea, will be caroling in front of a large Christmas tree in the moments preceding the ceremony. After a welcome from Dr. Stephen Jones, Mr. Rea will lead both the choir and the audience in singing favorite Christmas carols.

Dr. Bob Jones III will read the Christmas story from Luke 2 before "O Holy Night" is sung. As Jon Kilpatrick, a graduate voice performance major and the evening's soloist, hits the highest note of the hymn, twinkling Christmas lights all across campus will illuminate and officially welcome the Christ-

Just as a regular family has its traditions, BJU's lighting ceremony is a tradition shared not only by the university family but also by members of the community.

"We really want the community to come on the campus and celebrate Christmas with us," said Mr. Steve Sindelar, assistant to Dr. Stephen Jones and lighting ceremony coordinator. "But more than that, we want to share and proclaim the love of Christ and have them share in the miracle of Immanuel."

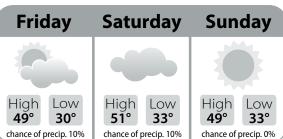
As always, Christians must remember the main focus of Christmas amid the swirl of cutout cookies, brightly wrapped packages and glasses of eggnog. "We pray [the lighting ceremony] will serve as a proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ," Mr. Sindelar said.

In keeping with the belief that Jesus should be the focal point of everything, stage has designed a new crèche (manger scene) that will be placed by the Welcome Centers. "We hope, as intended in the design, to point the focus to Christ," Mr. Sindelar said. "We tried to do that in the design of the crèche, but also in the placement of the crèche front and center of campus."

Students work behind the scenes,







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Black Friday sprees reveal materialism

'Tis the season for shopping!

Or at least one would think so judging from all the shopping that goes on during the Christmas season—beginning with Black Friday and culminating in one cataclysmic event: Christmas Day, complete with too much food, too many presents, and not enough focus on what Christmas truly means.

Hyperbole aside, it seems the majority of people truly have abandoned Christmas values for blatant materialism.

The average person probably thinks, "I've heard this a million times! I know Jesus' coming to earth is what Christmas is really about—so what if my stockings are hung with care?"

Many claim they can keep the "Christmas Craze" under control; they assure themselves that they won't become one in the crowds of frenzied shoppers vying for "out-of-this-world" deals. Unfortunately, the early-morning shoppers at the Wal-Mart in Valley Stream, N.Y., missed the memo last week, trampling a greeter to death and hospitalizing four

Anyone can make empty claims about America's need for a mindset reform, but injury and death shout it.

Surely, saving money isn't a bad thing. Frugality is a sign of balanced living, and the Bible commands us to be good stewards. But is death via trampling—an inadvertent collateral damage—really a legitimate byproduct of frugal living?

Americans need take a close look inward and see what drives them. Are we seeking only material gain at the expense of anything or anyone that gets in the way, sacrificing life and limb? Or are we truly trying to be good stewards of our hard-earned money so we can spend each dollar wisely?

Rather than avoiding sales or even Black Friday, shoppers can eliminate the problem by tempering their inward drive for material gain. And, ironically, that starts with remembering why we celebrate Christmas.



DR. JONES FOUND A SUB FOR ALL OF HIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



Like the beginning of any other college student's day, I am abruptly yanked out of my blissful slumber by the irritating sound of my alarm. After several smacks to the snooze button, I sluggishly crawl out of my cocoon and stand blinking in the brightly lit dorm room. I fumble over to my computer: three new e-mails—they can wait. Must. Have. Coffee. As I brew my aromatic sustenance of life, I throw on some clothes and uselessly attempt to fix my makeup. I burn my tongue guzzling the fresh coffee, but keep drinking anyway. Finally, I head outside, and my day begins. Not so different from any other student's day—except it's 11 p.m., I just woke up from my third nap of the day, and this is my fifth cup of coffee: I work for The Collegian.

Working for a student organization is more than a hobby or a side job—it's a way of life, and quite possibly the best part of college.

But I haven't always felt this way. I laugh now as I observe my former self in my freshman roommates: wholeheartedly pursuing my studies, paranoid about getting anything below a B and proudly refraining from distracting activities ("fluff," as one roommate calls them).

No. I thought it was

My second and third year, I tested new waters by participating in society, band and The Collegian. Though I continued to develop more close friendships, academics were still by far my biggest focus.

Entering my senior year, I adamantly held to my motto that classes, and then friends, came first. Even though I accepted the copy editor position for The Collegian, I had no intention of allowing "fluff" to intrude upon my GPA or my friendships. I finally realized, however, that being devoted to a student organization would not destroy my academic or social life. In fact, it meets the goals of both.

In a student organization, I am gaining something more important than a 4.0—experience. The studious bookworms or uninvolved socialites are likely to lose out to job candidates who've proven they can take book learning and successfully apply it to real life.

Involvement in campus activities also hones communication skills. On The Collegian, I interact with a variety of majors, unique backgrounds and colorful personalities. Being in a managerial position, especially, has helped me pinpoint and improve areas where my communication breaks down.

And far from killing my social life, working on *The Collegian* has only expanded it. While maintaining ties with my old friends, I've formed a whole new circle of companions. We've seen each other at our "3 a.m., I drank too much coffee, and I'm not ready for my test tomorrow" worst, but we're more than friends—we're family.

Yes, it's 5 a.m., and I'm still typing away and have a test to study for. But I wouldn't trade The Collegian for anything—and coffee and naps can work wonders.



dumb when this man dressed as Santa came to our house—I knew it was just the fat man from down the street. Carrie Spacek

I sat on Santa's lap once, and I said, "Mom, we were wrong; he is real!" But she said, "No, honey, he's just a man in a costume." Lindmark

Did you ever believe in Santa Claus?

> I still do. He comes down my chimney; we hang out and talk about sports—he's a Bulls fan. Theon Hill g.a.

My grandma tried writing "Santa" on Christmas presents, but we always knew it was her, because they were **Krystowiak** all yard sale items.

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The program will begin at 8 p.m. and will consist of six parts with an intermission after the third part, Miss Klipp said. The entire program will last about an hour and a half.

Mr. Parkening is recognized as one of the top guitar virtuosos. He has recorded 20 albums and has performed on television shows such as "Good Morn-



ing America" and "The Today Show." He has also worked together with well-known conductors, including John Williams, Elmer Bernstein and Joaquín Rodrigo.

Jubilant Sykes is a renowned baritone who has been featured with orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, London Symphony and Boston Symphony. He has also worked together with many eminent conductors, such as John Williams, Keith Lockhart and Marvin Hamlisch.

Mr. Parkening and Mr. Sykes have performed individually at BJU before. In addition, both men are professing Christians.

"Here's an example of two Christian artists who are playing and performing for the glory of God," Dr. Lawson said. "And that, I think, is a great lesson for us here, that we have an obligation to perfect our skills as far as we can for the glory of the Lord, as these two men have done."

Dr. Lawson said he is looking forward to the performance, both for the students and for himself.

"We're getting a complete

Ways to witness

After the Soulwinning Conference's emphasis on witnessing, students need to find practical ways to live out these strategies.

One way students can be involved with witnessing is through an extension involving personal evangelism. Dr. Bruce McAllister, director of ministerial training and extension, also recommends distributing tracts. Mr. Samuel Hawkey, Dr. McAllister's assistant, has tracts in his office specifically for students to take to hand out.

Mr. Nathan Crockett, a Bible

faculty member, said Christians can also witness by sharing their testimonies. If their lives back up their message, no one will be able to deny that God is working through them, he said.

Joel Quesenberry, a junior humanities major, established a downtown street-witnessing extension. Every Friday night, he and about 15 guys head to downtown Greenville for about two hours to hand out tracts and Bibles.

Joel emphasizes God's moral

law when witnessing. "I think that [if] we leave that out [and] we just generalize sin and don't focus on it, they won't have a good understanding of how serious their sin is before a holy God," he said.

A list of the 350-plus available extensions is located on the "Extension Ministries" page under the "Life at BJU" tab on the intranet.

Joel said personal evangelism will positively impact Christians as well as the unsaved. "You really experience the joy of the Lord when you're serving Him," he said.

package with these guys because we're getting Christians, we're getting top-notch world-class performers and we're getting some great culture on top of that," he said. "That is part of our mission here, and that is to expose the students to quality

"I think it will be a good way to get the campus and the community into the Christmas spirit," Miss Klipp said.

culture."

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Ultimately, the Soulwinning Conference should encourage Christians to witness more. As Mr. Crockett said, witnessing should come from a heart that is thankful

for God's free

salvation.

"We have experienced an incredible God and what He's done for us through His Son," he said. "[Witnessing is] an overflow of the joy and the satisfaction in our lives that we are fully satisfied with what God has done in our lives."



TERROR IN

Mumbai Islamic terrorists launched a 60-hour long attack Nov. 26 on Mumbai, India. The attack killed 172 people and wounded another 300. Indian officials accused Pakistan

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Student workers disclose a peek behind the scenes

AMANDA SAGER

On any given day, many BJU students lift a glistening blue or pink tray from a fresh stack in the dining common and expertly slide the tray into the return window on the way out. Students stroll past a freshly planted flowerbed, vaguely appreciative of the colorful change. They may find a freshly cleaned suit or gown, made spotless in time for Artist Series, delivered to their residence hall. Another will excitedly read an e-mail announcing a package arrival, or reach inside their P.O. Box to find a note neatly tucked inside.

Many people work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep these familiar details of campus life running smoothly.

DINING COMMON

Sophomore nursing major Megan Grenier works behind the tray return window in the dining common. Megan's department receives the trays and dinnerware and preps them for cleaning and reuse. Employees must work efficiently to keep up with the fast-paced job and the seemingly endless line of trays. "I love how fast it is and how busy it is, because you're always moving the entire time," she said. "You feel very much a part of the activity and what's going on."

Megan said the dining common does not own enough trays or utensils for everyone to use in a single meal. Workers continuously wash returned items and replenish the stacks with a fresh supply. "A tray goes through [tray check], and it's out again within 20 minutes," she said.

Tray check workers make creative use of the kitchen's limited space. "It's cool because the dining common was originally a Winn-Dixie," Megan said. "It's difficult because there's not much room, and whenever you move anything you have to move something else out of the way."

Megan said many of the tray check workers wear colorful rain boots to prevent slipping on the kitchen's slick floor. The students do their best to remain upbeat and energetic while on the job. "We love singing songs from musicals while we work," she said.

Many students express their gratitude to the tray check staff when sliding their tray into the tray return. "It's cool when people say thank you," Megan said. "Often



Sophomore Callie Merrill places mail in faculty boxes in the main post office.

people will send notes on napkins or funky presents on their tray, and we save them and post them on the wall."

GROUNDS CREW

Sophomore English major Mark Zockoll has worked in the Grounds department since his freshman year. Six nights a week, the Grounds crew collects campus garbage. On Friday and Saturday nights after the games, the night trash workers collect massive amounts of garbage from the stadium trash cans. "Every night, from 11 to 12, we were out in the cold, in the rain and everything, emptying every trash can across campus," Mark said.

The Grounds crew's job is vital to general campus upkeep. They plant flowers, trim hedges and work on much of the landscaping. "[Without the Grounds crew,] the bushes would definitely be way overgrown, and the sidewalks wouldn't be swept," Mark said.

The Grounds department keeps the job going through all weather conditions. "Last year when it snowed, I had to wake up a little before 5 a.m. to go shovel snow," Mark said. "I got out of classes, but we didn't get done shoveling until after 12."

The diversity of the job keeps the work interesting for the Grounds crew. "We're never doing the same thing twice," Mark said. His favorite job is helping to string the thousands of brilliant Christmas lights that illuminate the campus after Thanksgiving break. "Christmas lights are now going up as we speak," he said.

BJU CLEANERS

The BJU Cleaners launders, presses and dry-cleans clothing primarily for students, faculty/staff members and campus departments such as the dining common. "One of the interesting parts about

the job is that I end up ironing shirts that belong to Dr. Jones," said sophomore speech pedagogy major Katrina Case. Her job involves carefully checking every shirtsleeve that comes into her care. "We have to look and see if there are any buttons that have popped off or have been broken," she said. "And we have a button-sewing machine."

After the shirts are pressed, Katrina receives them for touchup. "My job is the finished project," she said. "It's fixing up the wrinkles that the presses made." Without her detail-oriented job, customers could potentially take home clothing with missing buttons or lingering creases.

Post Office

Sophomore music education major Callie Merrill said the University would not be able to function without a mail system. "A post office is something that every city has, but BJU has its own post office and its own zip code," she said. The post office often serves customers from town. In addition to organizing campus mail, the BJU Post Office receives mail from the Greenville Post Office and then sub-sorts it for everyone on campus. "I really do like the work," Callie said. "My favorite job is sorting mail at eight o'clock in the morning."

Callie said one of the post office's busiest times comes right at the beginning of a new semester. "Students are getting packages and ordering textbooks," she said. A lull usually follows the busy period, until the pace quickens again a few weeks into the semester. "Then there's a ton [of mail], because all the parents miss their kids, and they're writing them and sending them packages," she said.

Callie said she enjoys working with the closely knit employees on the post office crew. "We help each other out," she said.





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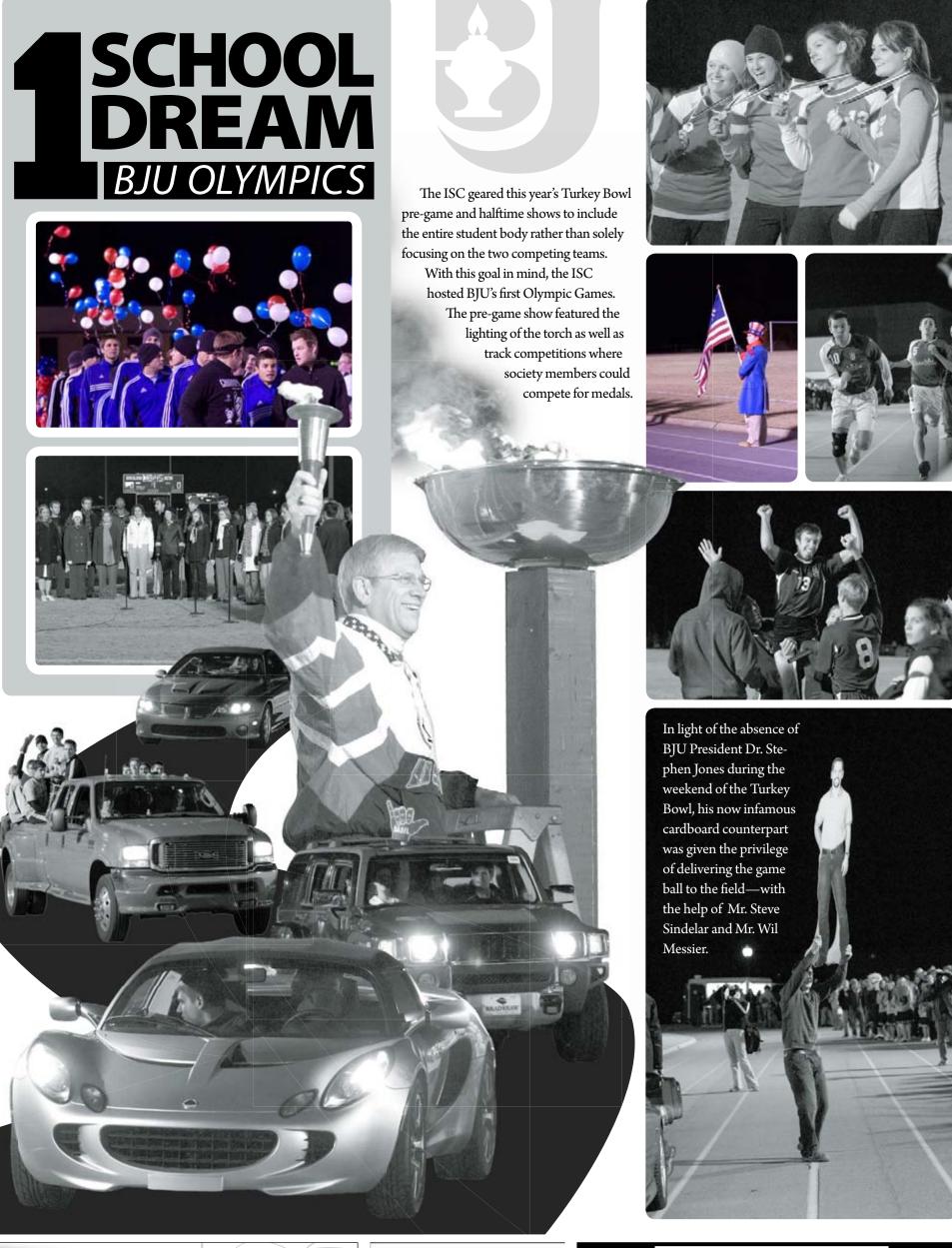
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HEALTH

Beta Gamma Delta wins Turkey Bowl title for first time

ANDREW HARROD

Basilean and Beta Gamma battled for the Turkey Bowl title Saturday, Nov. 22. After the pregame festivities—including the lighting of the Olympic torch-Beta won its first Turkey Bowl title

Beta senior B.J. Fite, who tore his ACL early in the season, started one last game as a Beta member. Basilean had been awarded the tap, and instead of attacking, the Eagles kicked the ball out of bounds so B.J. could exit the field.

On an ensuing throw-in Beta threw the ball into the Basilean defensive third. Beta's forwards pressured the ball. The ensuing series of plays and a penalty resulted in a Beta free kick. Beta midfielder Anthony Lehn struck the free kick before Basilean could set up its defenses.

Basilean goalkeeper Lawrence

Nagengast saved the shot, but he yielded a rebound, forcing him to make a follow-up save. The ball bounced along the end line until Beta forward Mikey Chai crossed the ball across the goalmouth to Micah Wright, who tapped the ball into the net. Within less than a minute of actual game play, Beta jumped to a 1-0 lead.

Basilean responded quickly in attempt to even the score. Beta goalkeeper Jake Vanaman sent a goal kick directly at Basilean forward Spencer Schwartz. Spencer took the ball in on Jake, who batted down Spencer's shot, but the ball continued to roll toward the open Beta goal. Recovering Beta defenders managed to clear the ball out of bounds.

Minutes later Basilean defender Za Luai sent a cross to forward Rob Leatherwood. Rob volleyed the bouncing ball to the net. Jake



The Beta Gamma Delta Patriots hoist the Turkey Bowl trophy in celebration after their 2-0 victory over the Basilean Eagles.

Vanaman made the save to keep Beta in the lead.

Basilean received another scoring opportunity 20 minutes into the first half. Jake Vanaman hit another squib goal kick. The lowbouncing ball once again found the feet of Spencer Schwartz. Spencer dribbled toward the Beta goal, splitting two Beta defenders to meet a charging Jake Vanaman. Jake blocked the shot.

With 12 minutes remaining, Beta regained the momentum. Basilean committed a costly foul away from the ball inside of the penalty box. The foul resulted in a Beta penalty kick. Anthony Lehn placed the ball into the right side of the goal. Anthony, the season MVP, led Beta to a comfortable

2-0 lead at halftime.

Throughout the second half, both teams struggled to maintain possession and create scoring opportunities. One of Basilean's chances came 20 minutes into the second half. Greg Thompson poked a corner kick toward the

Beta goal, but Jake reached up and kept the ball from entering the net.

In the closing minutes of the game, Basilean midfielder Dave Moore sent a cross to Spencer Schwartz. Spencer controlled the ball and struck it toward the goal, but his shot

glanced off the post. Basilean's hopes quickly grew dimmer as the minutes ticked away on the clock.

After the final whistle to end the game, the Beta Gamma society brothers ran onto the field to celebrate the society's first Turkey Bowl title.

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MVP Anthony Lehn plays after a head injury, dribbling past Basil's Greg Thompson.

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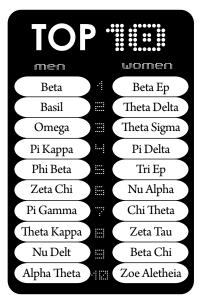
ISC hosts Olympic Games, winners share thoughts

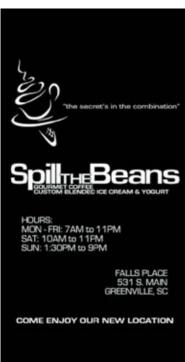
BRANDON HODNETT

Excluding the Winter Olympics, these Olympic Games were quite possibly the coldest ever.

More than sixty athletes braved the cold to represent their societies during the Turkey Bowl halftime.

The games opened with a close finish in the women's 100meter. Representing the Theta





Mu Theta Bandits, freshman Miriam Wise stole the gold, with Bobbi Frank from Beta Epsilon and Kenrece Carey from Theta Delta taking silver and bronze.

Miriam, despite being new to track, finished first in the preliminaries and the finals. "I've been preparing for about a week, not counting tryouts," Miriam said. "I didn't have a lot of time, but I sprinted and did suicides for about 15 minutes as often as I

"I thought adding the races to the halftime show was a great idea. It would be great if it became a regular event at BJU. I think most people would enjoy it, and it would bring out some new people and get them involved."

Immediately after the women's 100-meter, Basilean's Jon DeRyckere proved to be the school's fastest man. After running an 11.5 in the preliminary, Jon battled the elements and finished first in the final, edging out Timothy Morgan and Andrew Tierney. "I did something to my left hip flexor the night before," Jon said. "Compensating for that and dealing with the cold made my right quad sore."

The men's and women's 4x200-meter events. "Have We Met Yet?"

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relays rounded out the Olympic Representing the Beta Epsilon

Cardinals, Shelly Barclay, Cher Douglas, Erika Beauvais-Godwin and Bethany Lettko took the gold.

The secret to the Cardinals' success: "We chugged honey, like a couple tablespoons before the game, to give us some extra pump," Shelly said. Starting on the inside lap and having to deal with the stagger seemed to help. "[You run harder because] you feel like you have to play catch

The Zeta Chi Tornadoes, led by Micah Broyles, Mikah Brondyke, Ian Lewandowski and Micah Strickler, finished first in the 4x200. Z placed second in the preliminaries and was the only society not ranked first in the preliminaries to win an event.

The ISC men's president Mark Egerdahl wants to see more track events in the future. "It would be great to have the whole stand dedicated to Olympic games every four years and expand the events. I think that it would bring a lot of people out and help unify the school."

> Official times were not available for the



Second half. One minute on the clock.

The score has been close all game, the orange team leading the blue team by a mere two points. Blue attempts three layups, hoping to tie. None of the shots find the rim. In a last second frenzy, the ball is stolen twice before it makes it to either end of the court. The few fans present sit at the edge of their seats. But the buzzer blares, ending the intense

The small section of fans dressed in orange jump off the seats and cheer. Last year's basketball champions were no longer undefeated.

In case you're wondering, the game I've just described wasn't fictional. Nor was it a guys' game. It was a girls' game—the Tigers versus the Classics, a game that took place Nov. 1.

Why do I bring up a monthold game, you ask? Simple. During the match, which was one of the most competitive women's games this season, the stands were nowhere close to half-full.

I've been in and around sports all my life and have heard all of the reasons people don't attend women's sporting events. I know that girls' games aren't as fastpaced or high-scoring as guys'

games. I realize that during some games there's a foul or jump ball called every 30 seconds. And I understand that girls tend to bring their emotions onto the court with them more than guys

Men and women were created differently—thus the differences between men's and women's basketball.

But sit in on certain women's games from an objective viewpoint, and you will find that there are girls here at BJU who, despite these differences, are seriously good players. I've met girls who have years of high school basketball experience and aren't afraid of getting bruised during games. I've watched girls wake up earlier on Saturday mornings to get to those lovely 9 a.m. practices and skip out on dinner for a 5:15 p.m. game. I've seen them postpone studying or spending time with friends to play basketball instead.

These women's sacrifices off the court make them better on the court. The culmination of these sacrifices paired with overall skill determines their team's chances at the playoffs and championship game. By the championship match, the two teams still standing not only played better as teams, but were also the most committed.

These girls are stellar on the court. They are athletes—in every sense of the word. And like all athletes, they appreciate and feed off of the energy of an audience.

Tomorrow night, the women's basketball championship will take place in the Davis Field House at 8:30 p.m. The main court stands can seat about 3,000 spectators when all of the bleachers are pulled out. Wouldn't it be awesome if every single one of them were filled for tomorrow night's championship game?

I'll be there.



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